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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a residential customer who supports broadband and broadband competition. I chose a competitive provider because not only do they provide fast and reliable service, it's affordable in spite of the fact that they employ local people in the greater east bay area to whom they pay a living wage. This service is extremely important for the work I do at home as an educator. I am grateful to have the competitive broadband provider I have now and I don't want to lose them. My carrier uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace to bring me the service I need and appreciate! I could not get the same affordable service from the big corporations. My internet provider also provides very affordable landline telephone service which I could not get from a larger monopoly. Please keep broadband competition alive!

Sincerely,

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